85TH CONGRESS
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S. 3552

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25 (legislative day, MARCH 17), 1958

Mr. SALTONSTALL (for himself and Mr. MANSFIELD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To amend the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as amended, to improve recruitment and training for the Foreign Service of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 That section 516 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as

4 amended (22 U. S. C. 911), is amended by adding at the

5 end thereof the following additional sentence: "The Presi-

6 dent may appoint directly to class 7 persons who have

7 passed such examinations and are eligible for appointment

8 as Foreign Service officers of class 8 when, in his opinion,

9 their age, experience, or other qualifications make such an

10 appointment appropriate."

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1   SEC. 2. (a) Section 517 of such Act (22 U. S. C. 912)

2   is amended by striking out the words "A person who has

3   not served in class 8" which appear at the beginning of the

4   first sentence, and inserting in place thereof the following:

5   "A person who has not been appointed as a Foreign Service

6   officer in accordance with section 516 of this Act".

7   (b) Section 517 of such Act is further amended by

8   inserting a period after the word "Constitution" in the first

9   sentence, and by striking out the remainder of that sentence

10   and all of the second and third sentences of such section.

11   SEC. 3. The first sentence of subsection (a) of section

12   520 of such Act (22 U. S. C. 915) is amended by inserting

13   a period after the word "Service" where it appears for the

14   third time, and by striking out the remainder of that sentence.

15   SEC. 4. Section 701 of such Act (22 U. S. C. 1041)

16   is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

17   "The Secretary may also provide appropriate orientation

18   and language training to dependents of officers and em-

19   ployees of the Government if such officers and employees

20   are assigned to foreign relations activities overseas. Other

21   agencies of the Government shall wherever practicable avoid

22   duplicating the facilities of the Institute and the training

23   provided by the Secretary at the Institute or elsewhere."

24   SEC. 5. Section 704 of such Act (22 U. S. C. 1044)

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1   is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new

2   subsection:

3   "(e) The Secretary may, under such regulations as he

4   may prescribe, provide special monetary or other incentives

5   not inconsistent with this Act to encourage Foreign Service

6   personnel to acquire or retain proficiency in foreign languages

7   or special abilities needed in the Service."

8   SEC. 6. Title VII of such Act is amended by adding at

9   the end thereof the following new section:

10   "LANGUAGE TRAINING

11   "SEC. 708. The Secretary shall designate every For-

12 eign Service officer position in a foreign country whose in-

13 cumbent should have a useful knowledge of a language or

14 dialect common to such country. After December 31, 1963,

15 each position so designated shall be filled only by an in-

16 cumbent having such knowledge: *Provided,* That the Sec-

17 retary or Deputy Under Secretary for Administration may

18 make exceptions to this policy for individuals. The Secre-

19 tary shall establish foreign language standards for assignment

20 abroad of officers and employees of the Service, and shall

21 arrange for appropriate language training of such officers

22 and employees at the Foreign Service Institute or else-

23 where."

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